ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION,

—OF THE—

Pea River Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

New Ebernezer Church,

COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

—ON THE—

31st Oct. and 1st and 2d of Nov., 1885.

OFFICERS:

JESSE M. ROWE,.....MODERATOR.
A. J. WISE, Jr .....CLERK,
C. R TALBOT,.....TREASURER.

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MINUTES.

The Pea River Baptist Association met in its ninth annual session, with New Ebenezer Church, according to a previous adjournment, on the 31st day of October, 1885.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. B. M. Stevens, the appointee, from the 8th chapter Romans.

After one hour for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder J. W. Bullard.

Letters from the several churches belonging to the Association were presented, and by request was read by J. W. Brooks and George Harper, and delegates names enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem, Coffee county—A. J. Wise, Jr., J. H. Weed and D. W. Jernigan; Hebron—James Stanton and John Bradley; Shiloh—J. R. Spurlin and M. A. Helms; New Providence—W. J. Spurlin, J. A. McGee and T. J. Beard; Damascus—J. A. Wright, E. Nelson and J. D. Parkman; Bethlehem, Dale county—J. W. Bullard, L. D. Snell and W. G. Crumpler; Siloam—A. J. Brooks, J. W. Brooks and P. T. Wise; Elba—J. M. Sanders, R. A. Spurlin and Stephen M. Rowe; White Water—D. J. Williams, Willis Johnson and H. D. McCollom; New Ebenezer—J. M. Roads, John Clark and N. B. Fleming; Woodlan Grove—Jesse M. Rowe, C. R. Talbot and W. N. Cain.

Proceeded to elect officers by requesting Bros. John Clements and W. F. Clements to act as managers, which resulted in the re-election of Jesse M. Rowe, Moderator; A. J. Wise, Jr., Clerk and C. R. Talbot, Treasurer.

Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body.

Called for petitionary letters, when letters were presented from Piney Grove by her delegates, M. L. D. Crews, J. A. Weeks and A. J. Brazile; from New Home, W. G. W. Harper, J. F. Martin and E. M. Barnes; from Bluff Springs, J. J. Thomas and James Lewis, all of which were received and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator in behalf of the association.

Called for correspondence, when E. M. Brooks responded from Salem Association; J. F. Lock and W. M. Bearman from Sandy Creek Association; Elder C. L. Eilands from the Zion Association and John Clements and W. F. Clements from Newton Association.

The following committees were appointed to report during the session:

To Arrange Preaching.—M. A. Helms and D. W. Jernigan, together with the delegates from New Ebenezer church.

On Missions.—J. D. Parkman, A. J. Brooks and P. T. Wise.

On Finance.—James Lewis, J. W. Brooks and Robert Harper.

On Documents.—J. W. Bullard, W. J. Spurlin and D. J. Williams.

On Nominations.—C. R. Talbot, George Harper and A. J. Brazile.

Committee on Divine Service reports as follows: To preach Saturday evening, J. W. Bullard; on Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m., J. W. Brooks and W. A. Cumba; 2 o'clock p. m., M. V. Hare and M. Brooks.

On Sabbath the ministers preached in the order of their names to large and attentive congregations.

MONDAY MORNING, November 2d, 1885.

The association assembled and was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by E. M. Brooks.

Renewed the call for correspondence, when M. V. Hare responded from Zion Association.

Called roll and marked absentee delegates, read and adopted the minutes of Saturday.

Returned correspondence to Newton Association, Jno. Bradley, J. M. Rowe; to Sandy Creek Association, A. J. Brazile, J. W. Brooks, J. W. Bullard; to Zion Association, J. M. Rowe, J. J. Thomas, D. J. Williams, N. B. Fleming; to Salem Association, J. D. Parkman, J. M. Rowe, J. H. Stanton, J. H. Weed, D. W. Jernigan, D. J. Williams, James Lewis.

Read the Rules of Decorum.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and some miscelaneous resolutions were heard, when the following were adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That Pea River Association will not take up any public collection on the Sabbath at any of its sessions.

2d. That the pastors of the several churches will preach missionary sermons and take up collections for the several purposes fostered by the association at their conference meetings and report the same, with specifications, in their corresponding letters.

3d. That the Pea River Association withdraws from and severs all connections with the Alabama State Convention.

The Committee on Finance report was read and adopted. See appendix "A."

On motion, adjourned until half-past one o'clock p. m. for J. M. Rowe to conduct public worship.

At the hour designated, the body was called to order and prayer was offered by A. J. Brooks.

The report on Missions was read and adopted. See appendix "B."

The report on Documents was read and adopted. See appendix "C."

The report on Nominations was read and adopted. See appendix "D,"

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. See appendix "E."

Resolved, That we are due and hereby tender our thanks to

those who have so generously entertained us during the session.

On motion of J. D. Parkman, the clerk's salary was raised to $7.50.

On motion, a cash contribution was taken up to pay Brother Rowe for services rendered, when $4.15 was raised and paid over to the brother, leaving a balance due of $24.85.

Minutes read and adopted

On motion, adjourned to meet with Elba church Saturday before the first Sabbath in November, 1886.

When the parting hand was taken, amid a flood of tears, then ended the most pleasant session of the Pea River Association.

JESSE M. ROWE, Moderator.

A. J. WISE, JR., Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Middleton Brooks	Victoria, Ala.
John Bradley	Milo, "
Benjamin M. Stevens	Elba, "
W. C. T. Mosley	Rutledge, "
J. W. Bullard	Daleville, "
J. M. Rowe	Elba, "
J. W. Brooks	Geneva, "

VISITING MINISTERS.

W. A. Cumba	Henderson, Ala.
C. L. Eilands	Bullock, "
M. V. Hare	Andalusia, "
E. M. Brooks	Brundidge, "

Appendix "A."

We, your Committee on Finance, offer the following report: Received $21.55; for missions $2.50; collection on Sabbath $6.11; total $30.16; all of which has been turned over to the Treasurer.

JAMES L. LEWIS, Chairman.

Appendix "B."

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to offer the following report: We find that the spirit of missions is in a lukewarm condition, but we will have to go to work if we accomplish anything and we suggest the following plan of operation: That you empower your executive committee and require them to diligently inquire as to the extent of the destitution and where the greatest good can be accomplished and employ a missionary, and we offer the following plan for the committee adopt in order to raise funds to sustain the missionary: Im-

mediately after the adjournment of the association, hold a meeting and appoint each one a committee to visit the churches, equally dividing the churches between them, and request the churches to pay them as much as they possibly can towards sustaining the missionary and then employ a missionary to preach only on one Saturday and Sunday in each month at the same place. We also produce the report of J. W. Brooks, who has been acting as missionary in the destitution of Piney Grove for his services and recommend the association to remunerate him. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. PARKMAN, Chairman.

Appendix "C."

Your Committee on Documents offer the following report: We find two petitions asking the association to withdraw from the State Board. We also find two petitions for the next session of this association, and we recommend that the next session be held with the Elba church. We also find that Mt. Lebanon church was dissolved on the 18th day of last April in good order. Respectfuliy submitted.

D. J. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Appendix "D."

Your Committee on Nominations report thus: To preach the Introductory Sermon next session, J. M Rowe; his alternate, John Bradley, and as Executive Committee, C. R. Talbot, R. Harper, J. D. Parkman, W. J. Spurlin, A. J. Brooks. Respectfully submitted. C. R. TALBOT, Chairman.

Appendix "E"—Treasurer's Report.

Received of Finance Committee, $30.16; paid J. W. Brooks, $8.61; balance on hand, $21.55.

C, R. TALBOT, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Rec'd by Experience.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Present Number.	Contributions.	Ordained Ministers.	Absent Delegates.
Siloam	1	4	..	..	..	..	12	$ 1 50	1	
Shiloh	..	..	..	..	..	1	18	75	..	L. D. Snell,
Bethlehem (Dale)	5	10	5	1	1	1	39	1 00	1	W. Crumpler.
Woodland Grove	1	3	..	..	..	..	37	2 50	1	W. N Cain.
Hebron	..	8	..	7	..	1	22	1 25	1	
New Ebenezer	..	2	..	1	..	..	25	1 50	1	W. Johnson,
White Water	2	1	..	3	..	..	37	1 15	..	H. D. Mc——
New Providence	1	5	..	..	..	..	24	2 00	..	J. M. Sanders,
Elba	..	..	..	7	..	..	26	2 25	1	R. Spurlin.
Bethlehem (Coffee	8	13	1	11	3	..	101	2 25	1	E. Nelson.
Damascus	5	3	1	..	..	..	21	1 15	..	J. Martin,
New Home	10	8	..	..	..	..	26	1 50	..	E. Barnes.
Bluff Springs	1	1	..	..	1	..	22	1 25	..	
Piney Grove	4	7	2	..	..	..	14	1 50	..	
New Hope	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	.....	..	
Total	38	64	9	30	5	3	475	$21 55	7	.....

For other contributions, see Finance Report.

Note.—It is hoped that all the churches will furnish full and complete statistics, and give pastor, clerk and their post-office and time of meeting. Some fail to do this, which is material,

Clerk.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	MEETING.
Siloam	J. W. Brooks.	Geneva.	P. T. Wise.	Elba.	1st Sabbath.
Shiloh	.....	.....	J. R. Spurlin.	Elba.	2d Sabbath.
Bethlehem, Dale county	C. L. Mathews.	Crittend'n Mill	J. M. P. Tally.	Daleville.	3d Sabbath.
Woodland Grove	C. L. Mathews.	" "	M. Brunson.	Victoria.	3d Sabbath.
Hebron	John Bradley.	Milo.	.....	.....	.....
New Ebenezer	W. F. Martin.	Andalusia.	J. M. Roads.	Elba.	4th Sabbath.
White Water	John Bradley.	Milo.	D. J. Williams	Elba.	2d Sabbath.
New Providence	J. W. Brooks.	Geneva.	T. J. Beard.	Elba.	4th Sabbath.
Elba	N. C. Underwood	Brundidge.	W. P. Boyd.	Elba.	.....
Bethlehem, Coffee county	D. C. Allen.	Brundidge.	J. T. Peacock.	Victoria.	1st Sabbath.
Damascus	J. W. Brooks	Geneva.	J. D. Parkman.	Damascus.	.....
New Home	J. M. Tally.	Coffee Springs	W. G. W. Harper	Damascus.	2d Sabbath.
Bluff Springs	C. L. Eilands.	Bullock.	T. G. Matthews.	Elizabeth.	3d Sabbath.
Piney Grove	J. W. Brooks.	Geneva.	M. L. D. Crews.	Geneva.	3d Sabbath.
New Hope	M. Brooks.	Victoria.	N. B. Keaton.	Victoria.	3d Sabbath.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear Letters from the churches read.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite Ministering Brethren to seats.
4. Call for Petitions from Churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint Committees, to report during the session, viz:
   - 1st. To Arrange Preaching.
   - 2d. On Missions.
   - 3d. On Finance.
   - 4th. On Documents.
   - 5th. On Nominations.
   - 6th. On Periodicals.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules of Decorum read.
9. Call Roll and mark absentees.
10. Hear Reports from Committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's Report.
12. Hear Miscellaneous Resolutions.
13. Make arrangements for printing Minutes.
14. Correct Minutes, and adjourn.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Rule 1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Rule 2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all the members; he shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

Rule 3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless there is a tie in the Association, then he shall give the casting vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he shall appoint some member to fill the chair.

Rule 4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and keep to the subject; and he shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the chair.

Rule 5. No member shall leave the body while on business, except by permission from the chair.

Rule 6. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body by calling for the yeas and nays.

Rule 7. All motions in order must be disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

Rule 8. A list of names of the delegates shall be called and absentees marked.

Rule 9, The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, and keep a regular record of all the business of the Association.

Rule 10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected before the body rises.

Rule 11. This Decorum may be altered, or amended, by two-thirds of this body.